



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Van Winkle et al.**Application No.** 10/509,691**Filed:** May 8, 2005**Confirmation No.** 3095**For:** GENERATION OF PLANTS WITH
IMPROVED DROUGHT TOLERANCE**Examiner:** Vinod Kumar**Art Unit:** 1638**Attorney Reference No.** 6616-72613-04**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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- ☒ An Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action.
- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, and 4 references cited thereon are also enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown:

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Please charge any additional fees that may be required in connection with filing this amendment, including any additional application size fee (for pages in excess of 100) and any extension of time, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4550. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This responds to the Office action dated January 30, 2006. A three-month period for response was set, making a response due on or before **May 1, 2006** (since April 30 falls on a Sunday. It is believed that no fees are required in connection with this filing; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required to the deposit account referenced on the accompanying transmittal letter.

Amendments to the specification are on page 2.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 5.

A brief **Conclusion** is provided on page 10.